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Re: Laurence Harbor Interceptor Project
NJDEP Case No. 07-04-18-1110-28
Access Road from Route 35

Dear Mr. Putnam:

R3M Consulting Engineers have been working with your office since July 2007 to allow for the construction of the Laurence Harbor Interceptor Sewer through property that had been identified by your office as having lead contamination. As we approach completion of the project, we are requesting the temporary access road that was required under the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAW) for this project *remain in place on the project site*.

This 700-foot long access road is comprised of 20-foot wide geotextile topped with 16-foot wide, 12-inch thick layer of recycled concrete aggregate (RCA). It was built at the project site with permission granted from your office on October 17, 2007 to allow site access without disturbing the potential lead contamination areas along the road.

We believe the access road should be left in place, as it serves the public interest in several ways:

- The road in question caps the area of contamination and prevents the spread of lead contamination to uncontaminated areas of the site via foot and vehicular traffic.
- If the road is removed, the lead contamination will once again be exposed and may be spread as Township officials access the site in the course of their duties.
- Old Bridge Township police and fire departments, as well as the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority, require access to the site for safety and security, firefighting capabilities and maintenance of the new sanitary sewer. Removal of

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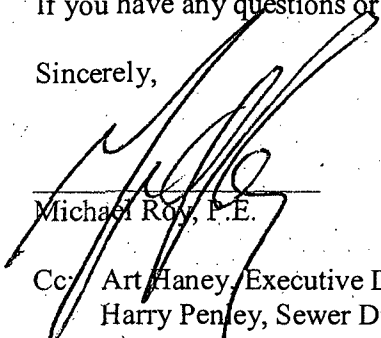
- the road would prevent the Township and the Authority from accessing the site and protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Old Bridge.
- The access road can be used by subsequent remediation contractors that may be required to perform additional work at the site in the future. The road can be removed and disposed of at a later date when the entire site undergoes remediation.
 - The current road is in very good condition, despite the year long heavy construction traffic and will remain serviceable for many years, as evidenced with recent photographs attached to this letter.
 - The removal of the access road would require an additional expenditure of public funds for a task that may require re-installation for subsequent cleanup activities.

Should you have any comments or questions on the issues presented above, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or R3M our Consulting Engineer for this project. If we do not hear from you by November 24, 2008, we will assume that you agree with our opinion that the roadway should remain in place, and we will proceed to close-out this project.

As you know, the lead issues identified at this site occurred on the eve of the bid opening for the project, and could have easily crippled the progress of this very important sewer improvement. The DEP's prompt response to both the lead concerns and our need to construct the pipeline has allowed this work to reach completion. On behalf of the Commissioners of the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority, we thank you for all the support and assistance you have provided to us in addressing this lead contamination issue.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Michael Roy, P.E.

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